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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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Isabel Ochoa	
Write the full name of each plaintiff.	CV(Include case number if one has been assigned)
-against- New York City Department of Education;	Do you want a jury trial? ☑ Yes ☐ No
Angel Ortega, Principal MS 391	
Write the full name of each defendant. The names listed	

EMPLOYMENT DISCRIMINATION COMPLAINT

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I. PARTIES

A. Plaintiff Information

Provide the following information for each plaintiff named in the complaint. Attach additional pages if needed.

Isabel	М.	Ochoa		
First Name	Middle Initial	Last Name	Last Name	
2857 Sampson Avenue				
Street Address	·			
Bronx, Bronx		NY	10465	
County, City		State	Zip Code	
9173747144	juneochoa@yahoo.com			
Telephone Number		Email Address (if available)		

B. Defendant Information

To the best of your ability, provide addresses where each defendant may be served. If the correct information is not provided, it could delay or prevent service of the complaint on the defendant. Make sure that the defendants listed below are the same as those listed in the caption. (Proper defendants under employment discrimination statutes are usually employers, labor organizations, or employment agencies.) Attach additional pages if needed.

Defendant 1:	New York City Department of Education				
	Name	:			
	Tweed Courthouse, 52 Chambers	s Street	_		
'	Address where defendant may be	oe served			
	New York, New York	NY	10007		
	County, City	State	Zip Code		
Defendant 2:	Angel Ortega, Principal MS 391X				
	Name				
	2190 Folin Street				
	Address where defendant may be	e served			
	Bronx, Bronx	NY	10457		
	County, City	State	Zip Code		

Defend	lant 3:				
		Name			
		Address where de	efendant may be served		
		County, City	State	Zip Cod	e ek
II.	PLACE	OF EMPLOYME	NT		
The ad MS 39		which I was emp	loyed or sought employ	ment by the defenda	nt(s) is:
Name 2190 F	olin Str	reet			
Address Bronx	s k, Bronx	· ·	NY	10457	
County,	County, City		State	Zip Code	
A. Fee	deral Cla	ent discrimination	ı lawsuit is brought und	der (check only the opti	ions below
×			ghts Act of 1964, 42 U. tion on the basis of race		
		defendant discrim and explain):	inated against me beca	use of my (check only	those that
	X	race:	Hispanic		
		color:			
		religion:	. ·	-	
		sex:			,
	×	national origin:	Peruvian	<u> </u>	

	Z	42 U.S.C. § 1981, for intentional employment discrimination on the basis of race
		My race is: Hispanic
	×	Age Discrimination in Employment Act of 1967, 29 U.S.C. §§ 621 to 634, for employment discrimination on the basis of age (40 or older)
		I was born in the year: 1962
		Rehabilitation Act of 1973 , 29 U.S.C. §§ 701 to 796, for employment discrimination on the basis of a disability by an employer that constitutes a program or activity receiving federal financial assistance
		My disability or perceived disability is:
		Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, 42 U.S.C. §§ 12101 to 12213, for employment discrimination on the basis of a disability
		My disability or perceived disability is:
		Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993, 29 U.S.C. §§ 2601 to 2654, for employment discrimination on the basis of leave for qualified medical or family reasons
B.	Oth	ner Claims
In a	addit	tion to my federal claims listed above, I assert claims under:
	×	New York State Human Rights Law, N.Y. Exec. Law §§ 290 to 297, for employment discrimination on the basis of age, race, creed, color, national origin, sexual orientation, military status, sex, disability, predisposing genetic characteristics, marital status
	×	New York City Human Rights Law, N.Y. City Admin. Code §§ 8-101 to 131, for employment discrimination on the basis of actual or perceived age, race, creed, color, national origin, gender, disability, marital status, partnership status, sexual orientation, alienage, citizenship status
		Other (may include other relevant federal, state, city, or county law):

IV. STATEMENT OF CLAIM

A. Adverse Employment Action

		endant or defendants in this case took the following adverse employment against me (check only those that apply):			
		did not hire me			
★ terminated my employment					
		did not promote me			
		did not accommodate my disability			
0		provided me with terms and conditions of employment different from those of similar employees			
[×	retaliated against me			
0	×	harassed me or created a hostile work environment			
[\exists	other (specify):			
expla chara possil	in v icte ble.	re the facts that support your claim. Attach additional pages if needed. You should what actions defendants took (or failed to take) because of your protected ristic, such as your race, disability, age, or religion. Include times and locations, if . State whether defendants are continuing to commit these acts against you.			
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with	the an	ional support for your claim, you may attach any charge of discrimination that you filed U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, the New York State Division of Rights, the New York City Commission on Human Rights, or any other government			

V. ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES

For most claims under the federal employment discrimination statutes, before filing a lawsuit
you must first file a charge with the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC)
and receive a Notice of Right to Sue.

Did you file a charge of discrimination against the defendant(s) with the EEOC or any other government agency?

	×	Yes (Please attach a copy of the charge to	this complaint.)
		When did you file your charge? 9/2	5/19
		No	(
Hav	ve y	you received a Notice of Right to Sue from t	he EEOC?
	×	Yes (Please attach a copy of the Notice of	Right to Sue.)
		What is the date on the Notice? $\underline{9}$	/24/20
		When did you receive the Notice? 1	0/1/20
		No	
VI.	3	RELIEF	
The	reli	lief I want the court to order is (check only t	nose that apply):
-	×	direct the defendant to hire me	
	×	direct the defendant to re-employ me	
		direct the defendant to promote me	
		direct the defendant to reasonably accom	modate my religion
		direct the defendant to reasonably accom	modate my disability
	×	direct the defendant to (specify) (if you be damages, explain that here)	elieve you are entitled to money
	<u>n</u>	monetary damages, emotional distress dan	nages, tenure, backpay
	_	<u>,</u>	<u>,</u>

VII. PLAINTIFF'S CERTIFICATION

By signing below, I certify to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief that: (1) the complaint is not being presented for an improper purpose (such as to harass, cause unnecessary delay, or needlessly increase the cost of litigation); (2) the claims are supported by existing law or by a nonfrivolous argument to change existing law; (3) the factual contentions have evidentiary support or, if specifically so identified, will likely have evidentiary support after a reasonable opportunity for further investigation or discovery; and (4) the complaint otherwise complies with the requirements of Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 11.

I agree to notify the Clerk's Office in writing of any changes to my mailing address. I understand that my failure to keep a current address on file with the Clerk's Office may result in the dismissal of my case.

Each Plaintiff must sign and date the complaint. Attach additional pages if necessary. If seeking to proceed without prepayment of fees, each plaintiff must also submit an IFP application.

10/13/2020		•	Todal Co	lia-	
Dated			Plaintiff's Signat	ure	
Isabel	M.		Ochoa		
First Name	Middle Initial	1	Last Name		
2857 Sampson Avenue	, 1st Floor				
Street Address					
Bronx		NY	<u>, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , </u>	10465	
County, City		State		Zip Code	
917 374 7144			juneochoa@y	/ahoo.com	
Telephone Number		Email Address (if available)			

I have read the attached Pro Se (Nonprisoner) Consent to Receive Documents Electronically:

☐ Yes ☐ No

If you do consent to receive documents electronically, submit the completed form with your complaint. If you do not consent, please do not attach the form.

ADDENDUM TO FEDERAL COMPLAINT FOR ISABEL OCHOA @ 10/13/20

- 1) I worked with the NYCDOE since 1996, first as a paraprofessional, and then was employed as a special education teacher with the NYCDOE from 2010 until 2015 and then again from 2016 until my probationary discontinuance as a teacher in the NYCDOE in June 2019.
- 2) I am presently 58 years old, of Hispanic race, and Peruvian national origin.
- 3) My principal Angel Ortega is in his 40s and of Dominican national origin.
- 4) I believe I was discriminated against based on my age and national origin.
- 5) I have a heavy Spanish accent, and an Assistant Principal Beth Shimkin criticized me for my accent.
- 6) I was one of the oldest teachers at the school. Younger teachers were not discontinued like I was in June 2019.
- 7) I previously filed a complaint of discrimination with the SDHR in 2016.
- 8) I believe I have been retaliated against with another discontinuance of employment after I filed a protected complaint of discrimination in 2016.
- 9) I was nominated for another teaching position at Esperanza Preparatory Academy in Manhattan in September 2020 with the NYCDOE, but the offer was withdrawn after the new principal speaking to my previous principal.
- 10)I believe I am being discriminated against based on my age, race, and national origin, and retaliated against by filing previous SDHR complaints against the NYCDOE.

NEW YORK STATE DIVISION OF HUMAN RIGHTS

NEW YORK STATE DIVISION OF HUMAN RIGHTS on the Complaint of

ISABEL OCHOA,

Complainant,

CITY OF NEW YORK, DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION,

V.

Respondent.

VERIFIED COMPLAINT Pursuant to Executive Law. Article 15

Case No. 10204074

Federal Charge No. 16GC000020

I, Isabel Ochoa, residing at 92 Van-Cortlandt Park South, Apt.# 2F, Bronx, NY, 10463, charge the above named respondent, whose address is Office of the General Counsel 52 Chambers Street, Room 308, New York, NY, 10007 with an unlawful discriminatory practice relating to employment in violation of Article 15 of the Executive Law of the State of New York (Human Rights Law) because of age, national origin, race/color, opposed discrimination/retaliation.

Date most recent or continuing discrimination took place is 9/24/2019.

The allegations are: See attached.

Based on the foregoing, I charge respondent with an unlawful discriminatory practice relating to employment because of age, national origin, race/color, opposed discrimination/retaliation, in violation of the New York State Human Rights Law (Executive Law, Article 15), Section 296.

I also charge the above-named respondent with violating Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended (covers race, color, creed, national origin, sex relating to employment). I hereby authorize SDHR to accept this verified complaint on behalf of the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC) subject to the statutory limitations contained in the aforementioned law(s).

New York State Division of Human Rights Complaint Form

BROOKLYN READNAL OFFICE CONTACT INFORMATION My contact information: REGULATED AREAS I believe I was discriminated against in the area of: Employment ☐ Education ☐ Volunteer firefighting ☐ Apprentice Training □ Boycotting/Blacklisting ☐ Credit ☐ Public Accommodations ☐ Housing ☐ Labor Union, Employment (Restaurants, stores, hotels, movie Agencies theaters amusement parks, etc.) ☐ Commercial Space ☐ Internship I am filing a complaint against: State: NY individual people who discriminated against me: Name: DATE OF DISCRIMINATION

The most recent act of discrimination happened on:

BASIS OF DISCRIMINATION

Please tell us why you were discriminated against by checking one or more of the boxes below.



You do not need to provide information for every type of discrimination on this list. Before you check a box, make sure you are checking it only if you believe it was a reason for the discrimination. Please look at the list on Page 1 for an explanation of each type of discrimination.

Please note: Some types of discrimination on this list do not apply to all of the regulated areas listed on Page 3. (For example, Conviction Record applies only to Employment and Credit complaints, and Domestic Violence Victim Status is a basis only in Employment complaints). These exceptions are listed next to the types of discrimination below.

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Date of Birth:	☐ Genetic Predisposition (Employment only) Please specify:
Arrest Record (Only for Employment, Licensing, and Credit) Please specify:	☐ Marital Status Please specify:
☐ Conviction Record (Employment and Credit only) Please specify:	☐ Military Status: Please specify:
☐ Creed / Religion Please specify:	National Origin Peru . Please specify: Hispanic
☐ Disability Please specify:	Please specify: Latena. Limo- Peru
☐ Pregnancy-Related Condition: Please specify:	☐ Sex Please specify: ☐ Female ☐ Male ☐ Pregnancy ☐ Sexual Harassment
☐ Domestic Violence Victim Status: (Employment only) Please specify:	☐ Sexual Orientation Please specify:
☐ Familial Status (Does not apply to Public Accommodations or Education) Please specify:	Retaliation (if you filed a discrimination case before, or helped someone else with a discrimination case, or reported discrimination due to race, sex, or any other category listed above) Please specify: DISCHIMACTON FORM



Before you turn to the next page, please check this list to make sure that you provided information *only* for the type of discrimination that relates to your complaint.

EMPLOYMENT OR INTERNSHIP DISCRIMINATION

Please answer the questions on this page only if you were discriminated against in the area of employment or internship. If not, turn to the next page.

How man	ıy employees	does this compa	ny have?		1
a) 1-3	b) 4-14	c) 15 or more	d)20 or mo	re	e) Don't know
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Date of him)	What	is your job title?
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17		or other benefits			
☐ Paid m	e a lower salar	y than other workers	in my same title)	
☐ Gave n	ne different or v	vorse job dutles than	other workers i	n my s	ame title
☐ Denied	l me an accomr	nodation for my disal	oility		
☐ Denied	l me an accomr	modation for my religi	ious practices		
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DESCRIPTION OF DISCRIMINATION - for <u>all complaints</u> (Public Accommodation, Employment, Education, Housing, and all other regulated areas listed on Page 3)

Please tell us more about each act of discrimination that you experienced. Please include dates, names of people involved, and explain why you think it was discriminatory. PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY.

I am Hispanic of Peruvian notional correct
who has opposed discrimination. The respondents
neurcipal had discriminated me organist because OR
The race I colot, notional origin and for
Opposing to unlawful discriminatory act
(Reference)
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as well as my time alleudance has been satisfactory
until respondent did not provided the extension
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AND TO THE PROPERTY OF CAMPAINS
My probationary appointment on 6/20/10.
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MS. Abado Hon, MS. FORTONE OUG THE
last principal Mr. Angel Uttera
During the three years I did not have
SUDDOFF OF Teacher Improvement plan:
Since the year that I was hired 2016.
T Got Effective & Jean 2016-2017 but
the second year I was attacked to a
Class that I never fount and Got
in-effective ather were shipped act effective.
VIONT 2017- 2018. On year 2018-2019
TOUDEAU SCORE T SOT Effective. without.
On 6/28/2019, without any progressive
disciplinary ochon, respondent's principal -
If you need more space to write, please continue writing on a separate sheet of paper and attach it to the complaint form. PLEASE DO NOT WRITE ON THE BACK OF THIS FORM.

- terminated my employment. It is ndiced that the principal never presented the extension form to discuss and to be revised by the UFT Lawyer. The principal's actions deviated and departure from the provisions of the collective agreenment United Federation Teacher's agreenment act that before terminating a teacher must have a formal meeting to discuss termination a probationary extension.

It is also noted that Hs. Shimkin Assistant principal perause of my origin. Hispanic of Peruvian nationality (specifically Ms. Shinkim made it noticeable my

Foreign accent).

It is also noted that Hs. Shimkin also targeted other Uspanic teachers because of, Hispanic Origin.

I charge the respondent with an unlawful discriminatory act in violation of the fitte VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 as a mended as well as a violation of the New York State. Human Rights Law of the New York State. Human Rights Law (Executive Law, Article 15 section 298).

NOTARIZATION OF THE COMPLAINT

Based on the information contained in this form, I charge the above-named Respondent with an unlawful discriminatory practice, in violation of the New York State Human Rights Law.

By filing this complaint, I understand that I am also filing my employment complaint with the United States Equal Employment Opportunity Commission under the Americans With Disabilities Act (covers disability related to employment), Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended (covers race, color, religion, national origin, sex relating to employment), and/or the Age Discrimination in Employment Act, as amended (covers ages 40 years of age or older in employment), or filing my housing/credit complaint with HUD under Title VIII of the Federal Fair Housing Act, as amended (covers acts of discrimination in housing), as applicable. This complaint will protect your rights under Federal Law.

I hereby authorize the New York State Division of Human Rights to accept this complaint on behalf of the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, subject to the statutory limitations contained in the aforementioned law and/or to accept this complaint on behalf of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for review and additional filing by them, subject to the statutory limitations contained the in aforementioned law.

I have not filed any other civil action, nor do I have an action pending before any administrative agency, under any state or local law, based upon this same unlawful discriminatory practice.

I swear under penalty of perjury that I am the complainant herein; that I have read (or have had read to me) the foregoing complaint and know the contents of this complaint; and that the foregoing is true and correct, based on my current knowledge, information, and belief.

Sign your full legal name

Subscribed and sworn before me

Signature of Notary Public

County: Kings Commission expires: Nov 21, 2020

ROBERT TONG
Notary Public, State of New York
Reg, No. 01TO6351029
Qualified in Kings County
My Commission Expires 11-21-2020

Please note: Once this form is notarized and returned to the Division, it becomes a legal document and an official complaint with the Division of Human rights. After the Division accepts your complaint, this form will be sent to the company or person(s) whom you are accusing of discrimination.



NEW YORK STATE DIVISION OF HUMAN RIGHTS

NEW YORK STATE DIVISION OF HUMAN RIGHTS on the Complaint of

ISABEL OCHOA,

Complainant,

 \mathbf{v}

CITY OF NEW YORK, DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION,

Respondent.

DETERMINATION AND ORDER OF DISMISSAL FOR ADMINISTRATIVE CONVENIENCE

Case No. 10204074

Federal Charge No. 16GC000020

On 9/25/2019, Isabel Ochoa filed a verified complaint with the New York State Division of Human Rights ("Division") charging the above-named Respondent with an unlawful discriminatory practice relating to employment because of age, national origin, race/color, and opposed discrimination/retaliation in violation of N.Y. Exec Law, art. 15 ("Human Rights Law").

Pursuant to Section 297.3 of the Human Rights Law, the Division finds that noticing the complaint for hearing would be undesirable and the complaint, therefore, is ordered dismissed on the grounds of administrative convenience for the following reason(s): The Complainant intends to pursue federal remedies in court, in which forum all the issues concerning the question of discrimination charged can be resolved.

Section 297.9 of the Human Rights Law provides that:

... where the Division has dismissed such complaint on the grounds of the administrative convenience, ... such person shall maintain all rights to bring suit as if no complaint had been filed.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that any party to this proceeding may appeal this

Determination to the New York State Supreme Court in the County wherein the alleged unlawful discriminatory practice took place by filing directly with such court a Notice of Petition and Petition within sixty (60) days after service of this Determination. A copy of this Notice and Petition must also be served on all parties including General Counsel, State Division of Human

EEOC Form 161 (11/16)

U.S. EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY COMMISSION

DISMISSAL AND NOTICE OF RIGHTS							
То:	lsabel Ochoa 92 Van-Cortlandt Park South, Apt.# 2F Bronx, NY 10463			From:	New York District Of 33 Whitehall Street 5th Floor New York, NY 10004		
[on(s) aggrieved whose identity is 29 CFR §1601 <u>.7(a))</u>	,			
EEO	C Charge	No.	EEOC Representative			Telephone No.	
			Holly M. Shabazz,				
16G	-2020-0	00020	State & Local Program Ma	nager		(929) 506-5316	
THE EEOC IS CLOSING ITS FILE ON THIS CHARGE FOR THE FOLLOWING REASON:							
	The facts alleged in the charge fail to state a claim under any of the statutes enforced by the EEOC.						
	Your allegations did not involve a disability as defined by the Americans With Disabilities Act.						
[The Respondent employs less than the required number of employees or is not otherwise covered by the statutes.						
[Your charge was not timely filed with EEOC; in other words, you waited too long after the date(s) of the alleged discrimination to file your charge					
	The EEOC issues the following determination: Based upon its investigation, the EEOC is unable to conclude that the information obtained establishes violations of the statutes. This does not certify that the respondent is in compliance with the statutes. No finding is made as to any other issues that might be construed as having been raised by this charge.						
	The EEOC has adopted the findings of the state or local fair employment practices agency that investigated this charge.						
	X Other (briefly state) Charging Party wishes to pursue matter in Federal District Court.						
- NOTICE OF SUIT RIGHTS - (See the additional information attached to this form.)							
Disc You laws	rimina may file uit mu s	tion in Employment Ac e a lawsuit against the re st be filed WITHIN 90 Da	bilities Act, the Genetic Info t: This will be the only notice espondent(s) under federal law AYS of your receipt of this ed on a claim under state law	of dismi: v based notice ; (ssal and of your right to on this charge in federa or your right to sue base	sue that we will send you. al or state court. Your	
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On behalf of the Commission							
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Enc	losures(s		Judy A. Ke District Die			(Date Mailed)	
CC:	CI	TY OF NEW YORK, DEI	PARTMENT OF EDU				

CITY OF NEW YORK, DEPARTMENT OF EDU Office of the General Counsel 52 Chambers Street, Room 308 New York, NY 10007 Rights, One Fordham Plaza, 4th Floor, Bronx, New York 10458. DO NOT FILE THE ORIGINAL NOTICE AND PETITION WITH THE STATE DIVISION OF HUMAN RIGHTS.

Your charge was also filed under Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964. Enforcement of the aforementioned law(s) is the responsibility of the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC). You have the right to request a review by EEOC of this action. To secure review, you must request it in writing, within 15 days of your receipt of this letter, by writing to EEOC, New York District Office, 33 Whitehall Street, 5th Floor, New York, New York 10004-2112. Otherwise, EEOC will generally adopt our action in your case.

Dated:

O1/29/20 Brooklyn, New York

STATE DIVISION OF HUMAN RIGHTS

By:

William LaMot Regional Director